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Having thus described the invention, it is now claimed:

1. A method for processing a document from a portable data storage device, comprising the steps of:

5 receiving an associated portable data storage device into a document rendering device, the portable data storage device inclusive of at least one electronic document stored in a native application format from which it was generated;

receiving administrative data representative of document processing privilege;

10 selectively activating, in accordance with received administrative data, a document processing service associated with the document rendering device upon insertion of the portable data storage device;

generating a user prompt as to document processing options associated with the portable data storage device; and

15 receiving user input as to at least one selected document processing option to be performed on the at least one file.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the document processing options are displayed on a menu on a display console located on the document rendering device.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the removable data storage device is a universal serial bus data storage device.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the document processing option is an electronic mail request, further comprising the steps of:

25 displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document processing option;

selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and

performing the document processing option in accordance with the selected at least one action.

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the document processing option is a facsimile request, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document processing option;

5 selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and
performing the document processing option in accordance with the at least one selected action.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the document processing option is a print request,
10 further comprising the steps of:

displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document processing option;

selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and
performing the document processing option in accordance with the at least one selected
15 action.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of selecting processing parameters associative of the document processing options.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the processing parameters are image medium
20 parameters.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the processing parameters are image transmission
parameters.

25 10. The method of claim 7, wherein the processing parameters are image output location parameters.

11. A system for processing a document from a portable data storage device,
30 comprising:

means adapted to receiving an associated portable data storage device into a document rendering device, the portable data storage device inclusive of at least one electronic document stored in a native application format from which it was generated;

means adapted to receiving administrative data representative of document processing privilege;

means adapted to selectively activating, in accordance with received administrative data, a document processing service associated with the document rendering device upon insertion of the portable data storage device;

means adapted to generating a user prompt as to document processing options associated with the portable data storage device; and

means adapted to receiving user input as to at least one selected document processing option to be performed on the at least one file.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the document processing options are displayed on a menu on a display console located on the document rendering device.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the removable data storage device is a universal serial bus data storage device.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the document processing option is an electronic mail request, further comprising:

means adapted to displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document processing option;

means adapted to selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and

means adapted to performing the document processing option in accordance with the selected at least one action.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the document processing option is a facsimile request, further comprising:

means adapted to displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document processing option;

means adapted to selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and
means adapted to performing the document processing option in accordance with the at
least one selected action.

- 5 16. The method of claim 11, wherein the document processing option is a print
request, further comprising:
 means adapted to displaying a menu of at least one action corresponding to the document
processing option;
 means adapted to selecting one of the at least one action displayed; and
10 means adapted to performing the document processing option in accordance with the at
least one selected action.

17. The method of claim 11, further comprising means adapted to selecting
processing parameters associative of the document processing options.

- 15 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the processing parameters are image medium
parameters.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the processing parameters are image
20 transmission parameters.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the processing parameters are image output
location parameters.

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